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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/764,635	Applicant(s) ECHERER ET AL.	
	Examiner Marc Jimenez	Art Unit 3726	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group I, Claims 1-7 in the reply filed on 9-18-06 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
2. Claims 8-10 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: "four-corned" in line 2 should be - - four-cornered - -. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is understood that the invention is directed to a roll per se as recited in claim 1.

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However, claims 6 and 7 recite that the roll is part of a third longitudinal folding apparatus which appears to be a combination claim including the roll of claim 1 and other features of a folding apparatus. Therefore, the scope of the claims are unclear because it is unclear whether applicant intends to claim a roll per se (subcombination) or a system including the roll and other parts of a folding apparatus (combination). An examination of the roll (subcombination) has been conducted by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. **Claim 1** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tabei et al. (JP 61-199538).

Tabei et al. teach at least one cylindrical surface **1** having at least one frictional area **2a** to which frictional material **2a** has been applied by thermal spray coating (abstract, line 3), said at least one frictional area **2a** being bounded by deeper areas to which no friction material has been applied (figure 6).

8. **Claims 1-3, 6 and 7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tubota et al. (US 5071083).

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Tubota et al. teach at least one cylindrical surface **1** having at least one frictional area **4**,
9. said at least one frictional area **4** being bounded by deeper areas **5b** to which no friction material has been applied. The patentability of product does not depend on its method of production. *In re Thorpe*, 777 F.2d 695, 697, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985) (citing *In re Pilkington*, 411 F.2d 1345, 1348, 162 USPQ 145, 147 (CCPA 1969)). If a product in a product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product in the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product is made by a different process. *Id.* citing *In re Marosi*, 710 F.2d 799, 803, 218 USPQ 289, 292-93 (Fed. Cir. 1983); *Johnson & Johnson v. W.L. Gore*, 436 F. Supp. 704, 726, 195 USPQ 487, 506 (D. Del. 1977); see also *In re Fessmann*, 489 F.2d 742, 744, 180 USPQ 324, 326 (CCPA 1974). Regarding claims 6-7 and the recitation for use as a folding apparatus, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. Claims 2-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tabei et al.

Tabei et al. teach that the thermal sprayed surface of the roll is formed having an uneven pattern (abstract, lines 1-5). However, Tabei et al. do not give specific details as to whether the surface is four-cornered, spirally arranged, having a plurality of cylindrical surfaces as claimed, or the particular depth of the friction material **2a**.

Official notice is taken that it was well known to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have provided four-cornered, spirally and a plurality of cylindrical arranged surfaces because such features are well known in the roller art to provide a desired gripping or embossing surface. The particular depth of the friction material is an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art, depending upon the desired gripping or embossing surface desired. In addition, official notice is taken that the claimed depth of the friction material is well known in the art of roller surfacing.

Conclusion

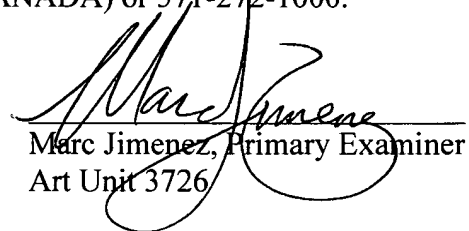
12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. It is noted that US6395211 teaches a diamond shaped surface **8**.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc Jimenez whose telephone number is (571) 272-4530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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